

## **PATENT**

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METHOD THEREFOR, AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 13, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-13 and 17), with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider his Restriction Requirement because both groups of claims are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both groups of claims in a single application. See, e.g., MPEP § 803.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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